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SUBJECT: SPANISH FONMIN CORTINA VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. SPANISH FONMIN CORTINA, ACCOMPANIED BY FONOFF OFFICIALS PERINAT, MARTINEZ CARO, OASSOLS, SPANISH CONSUL IN BOSTON LUGO AND CHARGE CERVINO CALLED ON SECRETARY BOTH JUNE 21 AND 22 AND WERE SECRETARY'S GUESTS AT LUNCH ON 21ST. HARTMAN, SONNENFELDT AND MCCLOSKEY ALSO PRESENT.

2. CORTINA WAS INSISTENT ON NEED FOR DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES TO BE TIED IN AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE BOTH IN TIMING AND IN SUBSTANCE TO NATO DECLARATION RELEASED IN OTTAWA. HE ALSO PROPOSED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON STOP IN MADRID ENROUTE TO BRUSSELS TO SIGN IT WITH FRANCO. CORTINA POINTED OUT THAT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFECT IN SPAIN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES HAD TO HAVE SAME IMPACT IN SPAIN THAT NATO DECLARATION IS EXPECTED TO HAVE IN MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE.

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3. SECRETARY SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING MEETING FROM BECOMING DRAFTING SESSION WHICH WAS WHAT SPANISH HAD IN MIND, AND SUGGESTED THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE BE FRAMED IN SUCH WAY AS TO GIVE BROAD OUTLINE OF PRINCIPLES. HE POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT COULD NOT STOP IN MADRID BUT, TO CORTINA'S SATISFACTION, VOLUNTEERED TO VISIT MADRID HIMSELF ON JULY 9TH AT END OF EUROPEAN TRIP.

4. WE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON COMMUNIQUE, AS SPANISH WANTED TO USE BILATERAL DEFENSE TERMINOLOGY INSTEAD OF MORE GENERAL LANGUAGE WHICH WE FINALLY PERSUADED THEM TO ACCEPT. CORTINA TRIED TO AVOID ALL REFERENCES TO BASE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WE DID SUCCEED IN REFERRING TO IT IN PARA 3 OF COMMUNIQUE.

5. IN SECOND MEETING CORTINA MADE SOME OBJECTIONS TO OUR SUBSTITUTION OF 1963 LANGUAGE IN DRAFT DECLARATION IN PLACE OF PROPOSED SPANISH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WHICH SECRETARY NOTED WAS VERY SIMILAR TO NATO TREATY. AGREEMENT WAS FINALLY ACHIEVED ON MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT MCCLOSKEY AND PERINAT, WHO REMAINED BEHIND, WOULD WORK OUT REMAINDER OF DIFFERENCES.

6. STILL NOT CLEAR WHETHER SECRETARY WILL INITIAL OR SIGN DECLARATION IN MADRID. SPANIARDS SUGGESTED THAT HE INITIAL IT OR EVEN JUST "COMPLETE TEXT" WHICH WERE AGREED WORDS OF COMMUNIQUE, AND HAVE ARIAS COME TO WASHINGTON FOR FORMAL SIGNING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. SECRETARY SAID HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THAT POSSIBILITY AND WOULD DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WHEN IN MADRID.

7. SPANISH MADE CLEAR THAT SIGNATURE OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WAS PARAMOUNT IN THEIR MINDS, AND CORTINA AVOIDED EVERY MOVE ON OUR PART TO TIE DECLARATION TO REOPENING OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS. SPANISH WOULD NOT NAME THEIR NEGOTIATOR NOR DID THEY PICK UP SECRETARY'S SUGGESTION THAT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN IN AUGUST. NEVERTHELESS, THEY WERE MADE WELL AWARE OF OUR CONCERN, AND SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS BY NEXT SPRING. IT
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SEEMS LIKELY THAT ONCE THE DECLARATION IS SIGNED, THEY WILL BE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT RENEWAL OF DEFENSE AGREEMENT. IN FACT, IN ANSWER TO SECRETARY'S DIRECT QUESTION AS TO WHEN WE COULD START, CORTINA REPLIED "AFTER OUR DECLARATION ESTABLISHES A GENERAL ORIENTATION AND FRAMEWORK."

8. LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE ON ANY OTHER SUBJECT WAS

DISCUSSED IN TWO MEETINGS EXCEPT DURING LUNCH WHEN REFERENCE WAS MADE TO PORTUGAL. CORTINA BELIEVES MILITARY JUNTA HAS SITUATION WELL IN HAND BUT EXPRESSED PESSIMISM OVER ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF COUP. CORTINA DID NOT BELIEVE EVENTS IN PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON SPAIN AND NOTED THAT TWO COUNTRIES HAD LIVED ON SAME PENINSULA WITH BACKS TO EACH OTHER.

9. OTHER SUBJECT OF NOTE AT LUNCH, IN PRESENCE

SENATOR SPARKMAN AND CONG. FRELINGHUYSEN, WAS WHETHER OR NOT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WOULD HAVE TO GO BEFORE CONGRESS. SECRETARY PROMISED FULL CONSULTATION BUT TOLD CONGRESS. SECRETARY PROMISED FULL CONSULTATION BUT TOLD SPARKMAN HE FORESAW NO NEED FOR VOTE ON THIS. SPARKMAN SAID SEN. CASE INSISTED THAT ALL SUCH AGREEMENTS HAVE SENATE APPROVAL. SECRETARY PROMISED THAT HE WOULD KEEP HILL INFORMED ON SUBJECT.

10. MCCLOSKEY PLANS TO SEE FULBRIGHT AND POSSIBLY SPARKMAN TODAY. SISCO

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